

**Rural Housing Service  
Multi-Family Housing  
Newsletter**



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USDA Rural Development Montana

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**Notice of Funding  
Availability**

The 2004 Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for USDA Rural Development Multi-Family Housing Programs has not been published yet. However a Notice of Timeframe to Submit Applications has been published in the Federal Register.

Copies of the Notice of Timeframe may be obtained from the Federal Register website by accessing:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

(In the quick search block type "Rural Housing Service".)

**Section 515 New  
Construction**

The closing deadline for receipt of all Section 515 applications is April 6, 2004, 5:00 PM, local time in the Rural Development State Office. Applications received after the closing deadline will not be considered.

The Notice of Timeframe provides further guidance with regards to scoring and ranking criteria, funding limits, etc.

Applications for new construction may only be accepted for those communities identified on Montana's FY2004 Designated Place List.

States will review and score the applications and submit them in ranking order to the National Office. The National Office will then rank applications on a nation-wide basis and advise States of the results.

There will be a limited amount of rental assistance (RA), and as a result, applications

will be invited for developing units in markets that do not require RA for feasibility.

**Section 538 Rural Rental  
Housing Guarantee**

As in past years, all FY2004 funds will be held in the National Office and will be allocated through a continuous selection process.

NOFA responses will be reviewed through May 14, 2004. Those responses received after this date will be held for review subject to the availability of funds.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Arlene Nunes, Senior Loan Specialist, Guaranteed Loans, at (202) 401-2307.

**Section 533 Housing  
Preservation Grant**

The application deadline date for submission of applications for the Section 533 HPG Program will be May 6, 2004. Complete applications must be received in the State Office



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by 5:00PM. Applications received after this deadline date will not be considered.

States will review and score applications and submit a list of applications in ranking order to the National Office.

**Section 514/516  
Loan/Grant Program for  
Off-Farm Labor Housing**

The NOFA application period for the Section 514/516 Loan/Grant program will close on May 6, 2004. Applications must be received in the State Office for USDA-Rural Development by 5:00PM local time. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be

considered. Applications may include requests for Section 521 Rental Assistance (RA) and operating assistance for migrant units.

States will conduct a preliminary eligibility review, score applications, and forward them to the National Office. The National Office will then rank all requests and distribute funds to States in ranking order.

There is no NOFA for On-Farm Labor Housing. Applications may be accepted at any time and will be processed in order of date/time received of a complete application, and funding availability.

**For More Information**

Applicable Rural Development regulations, forms, attachments and additional information may be obtained from the web-site for USDA-Rural Development at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/), or you may contact this office at (406)585-2518 to receive application materials and additional information.

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